

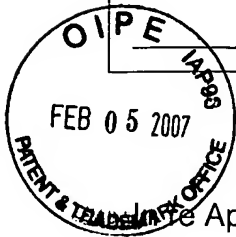
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

Norberto A. Guzman, Ph.D.

Serial No. 10/728,499

Filed: December 5, 2003

For: **ELECTROPHORESIS APPARATUS
HAVING STAGGERED PASSAGE
CONFIGURATION (As Amended)**

Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: Unsu Jung

Confirmation No. 9723

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated July 31, 2006, having a shortened three-month response period, and for which a petition for a three-month extension of time is filed herewith, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 29 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 47 of this paper.